

## COMMUNICATIONS

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### OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

Moved by P. A. Tavener. Seconded by W. T. Macoun. Carried—Hoyes Lloyd, President.

Whereas, many of our finest and most interesting birds that formerly bred in what are now settled localities are so seriously reduced in number as to be in danger of extermination and,

Whereas, we are occasionally discovering stations still occupied by these birds in territories that are easily accessible to those who have not the welfare of these birds at heart. Therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club places itself on record as believing,—

That whilst it is important that all such information should be brought to the attention of science, it is inexpedient to publish the same where it may become common property. They therefore

Recommend that such information be filed only in the records of duly accredited and continuing institutions that have a serious interest in the study and preservation of wild life and where it may be available for qualified research students of approved discretion, for future generations or until the wider dissemination of the information can do no harm to the species concerned.

Further, that all who discover such information are urged to transmit it to such institutions as are particularly interested and equipped for recording such confidential information and to no one else on whose discretion they cannot rely.

Further, that such institutions record the information so received in such a manner that its confidential nature will not be violated, that it may be available at any time to those who have a legitimate interest in it, and that it may not be lost or forgotten through lack of present publication.

However, be it understood that nothing in these resolutions be deemed to prevent the information being given privately and under the seal of confidence to such students who have a legitimate interest in it and will not use it improperly or cause or permit others to do so.

### BIRD GOLF

(Portland Evening Express, May 4, 1923)

Not so long ago there appeared in this column a description of a new and novel game called Bird Golf, the invention of a former Maine man, John Warren Achorn, who lives in Pinebluff, North Carolina. I have just received a letter from him in which he is good enough to give further details anent this game, including the rules. The letter follows:

The Sand Hills Bird Club of Pinebluff, and the Savannah Audubon Society are the only two bird clubs in this part of the South, and strange to say, both clubs are under the management of Maine men.